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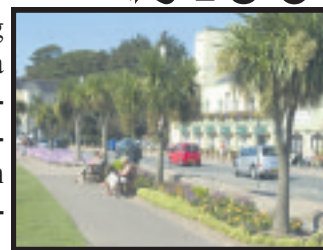
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PROTESTERS ANGRY AT 'UNFAIR' ASSESSMENTS

CAMPAIGNERS SAY BENEFITS PAYMENT SCHEME IS 'DEGRADING'

Campaigners angry at the way disabled and seriously ill people are assessed for benefits protest outside Northampton's Job Centre Plus offices this week.

More than 40 people carrying placards – with slogans such as “this is a crime scene” and “cut to the bone” – aired their feelings about the controversial Work Capability Assessment introduced a year ago.

Many are angry about the way Atos, the company currently contracted by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to carry out the assessment, decides whether claimants are eligible for Employment and Support Allowance.

The money is available for people who are ill or disabled, although many protesters labelled the eligibility criteria as ‘degrading’ and ‘criminal’.

Organiser Bianca Todd, speaker for the new political

party, Left Unity, said people were being ‘left to die’ because of strict point tick-box assessments. “Just because the Government doesn’t have guns, it doesn’t mean they aren’t killing us,” she said.

“We are not having a go at the Atos and Jobcentre staff [at the protest], this is about what they are being pushed into, having to assess their fellow human beings.”

Applicants for the benefits must take part in a 17-section assessment. Those scoring fewer than 15 points will have their money stopped.

Chris Kinsey’s 43-year-old daughter, who she did not wish to name, lives in a care home and is currently awaiting a decision the assessment, they completed last August.

She said: “If the assessment says she can work she will not be entitled to stay in her care home. I haven’t slept through the night for ages, it’s affecting my work as well.”



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NEW SITE The plan for the new Carlsberg warehouse superimposed in place on an aerial view of Brackmills

50 jobs to be created at new Carlsberg centre

Carlsberg UK is planning to double the size of its warehouse and distribution operation by moving to a new Northampton site, creating 50 new jobs.

A planning proposal has been submitted to Northampton Borough Council revealing the new site will be on land near the Brackmills Point scheme, south of Bedford Road.

It is understood that Carlsberg wants to invest £35 million in the site and the plan would see all existing employees at Swan Valley industrial estate and Kings Heath industrial estate move to the new site, although there is no planned impact on the Bridge Street brewery site.

The new unit will also create 50 new jobs.

A planning document, put together by estate agents, Savills, said: "The occupier has confirmed that the proposed development will directly create approximately

50 new full-time equivalent jobs and will safeguard 180 jobs from existing distribution operations, which will be relocated to the site.

"Indirect jobs will be supported by the spending on goods, supplies and services by Carlsberg with firms within the surrounding area.

"The spending of wages, both by employees of Carlsberg and of the local firms supplying goods to the company, will also support indirect employment in local shops, services and other firms."

The existing capacity at the current national distribution centre at Swan Valley industrial estate is limited to 24,000 pallets.

However, the new site would enable Carlsberg to double that capacity.

A Carlsberg UK spokesman said the proposal, which remains subject to Carlsberg Group board approval and Roxhill Developments secur-

ing planning permission for their site, aims to increase how much beer it can distribute.

He said: "The development would allow us to overcome capacity issues at Swan Valley and Heathfield Way, create local employment opportunities and ultimately underlines our long-standing and successful commitment to Northampton where many of

our employees live.

"We will support Roxhill Developments with its planning application and ongoing consultation work with the local authorities and community to ensure they are fully informed and engaged with the proposed development."

Completion is scheduled for spring 2015 with a view to fully opening in autumn next year.

Brewer set to invest a total of £35 million

An estimated £35 million will be invested in the scheme, subject to planning permission, by Carlsberg UK.

The 21 metre-high unit will have 585,088 sq ft of warehouse space, with 21,528 sq ft of mezzanine as well as a four-storey 26,996 sq ft office block.

Staff are set to move to the new unit

from the Swan Valley and Kings Heath sites.

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County domestic violence arrests 'lowest in UK'

Northamptonshire Police has the lowest arrest rate for domestic abuse-related crimes in the country, an independent inspection report has revealed.

In a report published today by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), it states the county's police force has some "pockets of good practice", but there were some important areas where improvement was needed to reduce the risk to domestic violence abuse victims.

The inspection found that for every 100 domestic abuse crimes recorded, there were 43 arrests in Northamptonshire. For most forces the number was between 45 and 90.

In Northamptonshire, domestic abuse accounts for

six per cent of calls to the police for assistance; of these calls 20 per cent were from repeat victims.

Domestic abuse accounts for eight per cent of all recorded crime. The force also recorded 3,657 assaults with injury; of these 1,261 were domestic abuse related. This was 34 per cent of all assaults with injury recorded for the 12 months to end of August 2013.

HM Inspector of Constabulary for the Eastern Region, Zoe Billingham, said: "Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for the police and crime commissioner and the chief constable in Northamptonshire. Officers and staff understand the importance of their role in safeguarding victims of abuse and are particularly aware of the need to ensure that any chil-

Only 12 per cent charged in domestic abuse

Northamptonshire recorded 3,685 domestic abuse-related crimes for the 12 months to the end of August 2013 and of these crimes, 12 per cent resulted in a charge, five per cent resulted in a caution and one per cent had an out-of-court disposal.

On August 31, 2013, Northamptonshire had 68 active Domestic Abuse cases; 32 per cent were high risk, 37 per cent were medium risk and 31 per cent were standard risk.

The force also recorded 763 sexual offences. Of these 99, or 13 per cent, were domestic abuse related.

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Tension headache Typical symptoms include pain in both sides of the head that is often described as tight, stiff and constricting. These often occur in conjunction with tight musculature around the neck region.

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dren are safeguarded.

"Although Northamptonshire Police's response to tackling domestic abuse is effective in some respects – and there are pockets of good practice – there are some important areas where improvement is needed in order to reduce the risk to victims. The force has one of the lowest arrest rates for domestic abuse-related crimes in the country, which is a concern."

Assistant Chief Constable, Russ Foster, said the force

had implemented a number of improved policies and practices, including better training for officers and frontline staff to improve the way the it dealt with cases of abuse and quality service provided to victims.

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.

Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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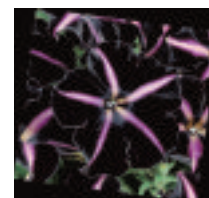
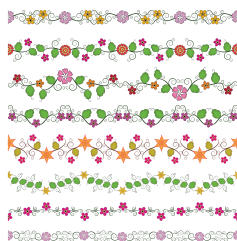
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Students from Moulton College are busy preparing plants and displays for Northampton In Bloom.

Let's get blooming

The team behind Northampton in Bloom is hoping residents, community groups and businesses will sign up for this year's green-fingered competition.

Each year the event's planning committee holds a competition to find the town's top flower displays, gardens, allotments and green spaces.

Northampton people are encouraged to put forward their school, community, residential and commercial gardens to the contest for a chance of winning prizes.

The town's overall efforts are then judged against similar-sized towns across the country for a chance to win prizes in regional and national categories.

Councillor Mike Hallam (Con, Parklands) chairs the Northampton in Bloom

planning committee as well as being the borough council cabinet member for the environment.

He said: "We would really love to see more people getting involved in Bloom."

"The judges were particularly impressed by the enthusiastic community involvement last year and it would be great if even more residents, community groups, schools, businesses and church groups took part to make Northampton bloom brighter."

"Our theme for 2014 is remembrance and celebration and everyone on the committee is looking forward to seeing some wonderful floral displays around the town."

Organisers will be hoping to add to an already impressive In Bloom record that has seen the town claim three gold awards in the East Midlands section and two

silvers in the Britain in Bloom competitions.

This year's 'remembrance' theme was chosen to mark the centenary of World War One and the 825th anniversary of the town's charter.

For entry forms for Northampton in Bloom or advice and information call 01604 837357 or email sousley@northampton.gov.uk.

The deadline for entries is June 20.

Meanwhile, students from Moulton College have started preparing plants and displays for Northampton in Bloom.

For the third year running, horticultural students are supporting Northampton Town Centre BID (Business Improvement District).

Deputy chairman Neil Bartholomey thanked the college for its support and said BID was delighted to be working with the students.

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Vet experts work on dog disease cure

The chief veterinary officer in the UK has told a Northampton MP an investigation into the cause of a fatal disease which has caused the death of a dog in the county, is being led by some of the best vets in the country.

Conservative MP for Northampton North, Michael Ellis, wrote to Environment Minister Owen Paterson asking for him to treat concerns about the spread of a fatal dog disease – similar to the deadly Alabama Rot – in Northamptonshire as a “matter of priority”.

In his letter, Mr Ellis said his constituents and many dog owners across the country were very concerned about the spread of the disease.

In a response from Nigel Gibbens, chief veterinary officer, it stated the disease had been classified as Canine Cutaneous Glomerular Vasculopathy (CCGV) and cases had been restricted to dogs walked in



A dog died after it was thought to have contracted a deadly disease while in Salcey Forest.

woodland areas.

Mr Gibbens said: “One of the issues with new diseases like this is determining which presentations are truly examples of it and which are not, so we can understand the real extent of the problem. The private vet overseeing much of the investigative work has suggested criteria for “case definition” that sets out the essential characteristics for a particular case to be considered as CCGV.

“This will give us a much better understanding of the numbers and locations of dogs with the specific

syndrome and allow further investigations into risk factors and possible causes.

Mr Gibbens said that despite extensive and continuing investigation, a cause for the clinical and pathological syndrome had not yet been found.

He said: “Investigation is being led by small animal expert vets and the renowned research centre The Animal Health Trust in Newmarket.

“My officials are in regular contact with these experts and are able to support the investigatory work being done.”

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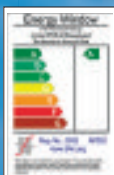
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Nationwide pledges to invest in town offices and will not relocate

A planned move to Northampton's Enterprise Zone by one of the town's largest employers will not be going ahead, it has been revealed.

Nationwide announced in June last year that it might move from its offices in Moulton Park to be nearer the town centre.

But on Monday morning, the 2,100 staff employed at the site were told the move was no longer going ahead.

Instead the firm announced its offices would undergo an extensive refurbishment programme, estimated at more than £20 million over the next five years.

A spokeswoman for the company, which has been at the site since 1987, said the decision not to move to the Enterprise Zone was based on the capacity potential of the current site and the cost of the refurbishment compared to



the cost of relocation. "Northampton is strategically very important and we looked at what services we wanted to provide in the Northampton in the future," she said. "The current site at Moulton Park

will allow us to expand and meet our requirements.

"The announcement that Nationwide will carry out an extensive refurbishment of the existing headquarters in Moulton Park is good news for

the staff working there," she added.

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, welcomed the announcement, saying: "It is great news that one of our

Chamber applauds the company's decision

●● Chief executive of Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce Paul Griffiths does not see Nationwide's decision to stay at Moulton Park as a snub for the Enterprise Zone. He said: "The fact that Nationwide decided to have a future in Northamptonshire is fantastic. When you think about

moving a business of that size, it would cost an awful lot of money. The Enterprise Zone was not set up just to move businesses from the outskirts to the centre of the town. It's about attracting businesses from further. We might now see an investment from a firm that's not already here."

town's iconic employers has announced they will be staying in Northampton.

"Nationwide will be investing millions in improving and upgrading their existing facilities and this can only be good for our town."

Northampton South MP Brian Binley was also pleased to see one of the town's largest

employers staying in the town.

He said: "We thought we might lose Nationwide, but in fact they are going to put more than £20 million into refurbishing their business, I'm delighted that's the case."

"The site at the Enterprise Zone now becomes available for other businesses to potentially use."



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Social services 'needs to change' to help hospitals

Beds are often being blocked in Northamptonshire hospitals because social services cannot take adult referrals at weekends, according to the opposition leader at County Hall.

The Labour group on Northamptonshire County Council said more money needed to be allocated for extra staff to assess patients in evenings and at weekends so they can be discharged quicker.

Councillor Mary Butcher (*Lab, Oakley*) said: "It's about speeding the process up.

"Hospitals are very keen to allow people to leave as soon as they're able to free up capacity.



Hospitals face a daily battle to ensure beds are not being blocked

"Older patients have to be assessed by adult social services.

"However assessors don't work weekends and it often means patients are in hospital days longer than they need."

She said Labour would

like to see £869,000 spent on upgrading the service, paid for by cutting £1 million from the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership (NEP).

However, Councillor Robin Brown, the cabinet member for health, said he did not believe the proposal would help enough bed blockers to be worthwhile.

He said: "A joint approach between the council and the NHS, which we are implementing, is a far better way.

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Race bosses in plea to PM over Welsh cash

Silverstone bosses have written to the Prime Minister after fears millions of state money could be spent on a rival racing circuit in remote Wales.

The Heads of the Valleys Company is seeking £30 million of funding from the Welsh Assembly to build a track in Blaenau, Gwent.

But in a statement released by Silverstone Circuits Limited, which runs the Northamptonshire race track, it is claimed funding would give the Circuit of Wales an unfair advantage, when competing against private racetracks for events.

Heads of the Valleys has already expressed an interest in bidding for the British Moto GP event, currently held in Silverstone in August.

Silverstone's managing director, Richard Phillips, has written to David Cameron, requesting confirmation that the UK government is not considering financial support for the project.

The statement read: "Sil-



MotoGP

verstone has been advised that an injection of funds by the Welsh and/or UK governments to the Circuit of Wales project could amount to illegal state aid, as a transfer of state resources would give Circuit of Wales an economic and selective advantage over other circuits.

"There are currently a number of well-established, privately-funded circuits in the UK, including Wales, that feel the British motor sport industry would be threatened by the addition of a government-funded circuit."

Silverstone Circuits added

that it is "fully supportive" of regeneration projects.

But when the company was looking for financial support from the Government to keep the British Grand Prix in Northamptonshire, its application was denied on the basis such a bid would be classed as 'illegal state aid'.

Silverstone had to sell off assets to ensure it kept the biggest event in the UK motor racing calendar.

Heads of the Valleys believes the project is worthy of state funding because it would regenerate the Ebbw Vale area of south Wales.

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Calls have been made to scrap the 20p charge at the North Gate bus station by the borough council's pensioners forum.

Since the new £7million station opened, several bus service users have voiced anger at having to pay to use the toilet facilities.

Now the Northampton Pensioner Forum, which holds bi-monthly meetings at the Guildhall to discuss issues facing the town's older population, says it wants the borough council to consider removing the pay machine turnstiles.

Former mayor of Northampton, John Rawlings, said: "Bearing in mind a large population of bus users are elderly people who have weaker bladders, they then have to find 20p.

"I think it would be useful to raise some sort of protest."

Chairman of the forum,



Roger Rumsey, said the forum would look to invite borough council representatives to future meetings to discuss the matter.

He suggested nearby busi-

nesses could open up facilities to the public in return for a sum of money from the council.

A borough council spokesman said there were no plans

to remove the charge: "When planning the new North Gate bus station we took into account feedback from Greyfriars' users and they told us they wanted clean, modern toilet

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He added. "In common with other transport hubs, the only way we can afford to provide that is by charging 20p."

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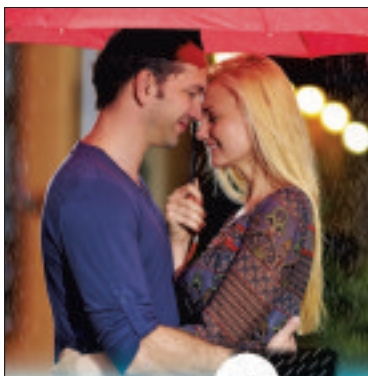
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Town 'tried hard' to get Bayo

Akinfenwa still has a 'crazy amount of love' for the Cobblers

FOOTBALL

Adebayo Akinfenwa has confirmed the Cobblers had 'tried hard' to re-sign him on loan deadline day and that he still has a 'crazy amount of love' for the club.

Town's approach for their former centre-forward was turned down by Gillingham, for whom the player will now complete his contract, and they subsequently added another former player, John Marquis on loan from Millwall.

Akinfenwa said he had to think hard about a return to Sixfields but such contemplations ended when the Gills put a block on the deal, who feel the player will be vital to their bid for league one safety.

"The speculation wasn't just talk - it was genuine," the 31-year-old told the Kent Messenger.

"Northampton tried and they tried hard. It was all-systems go on their half. They had a contract and tried their upmost to get me there but our chairman wasn't having a bar of it. He shut it down real quick.

"I have got a crazy amount of love for Northampton and I don't want them to get relegated. Touch wood, by the grace of God, we (Gillingham) are safe.

"There was an opportunity where I could have gone back to help them stay safe and I

was thinking hard about it.

"As I feel for Northampton is how I feel for Gillingham. They are two places I enjoy playing.

"If we were mathematically safe here then maybe the chairman would have said 'go back and help them out and see what happens' but I understand what the chairman is saying.

"I am here and everyone knows I enjoy playing here. We have seven games to play. Let's get as many points as possible and then see what the future holds."

Meanwhile, Cobblers midfielder Darren Carter has been shortlisted for the Sky Bet League Two player of the month for March.

Carter, who has been a key figure in the second half of the season for Northampton, is named on the four-man list of nominations after scoring three goals in the month.

He is up against Accrington Stanley centre-back Tom Aldred, Rochdale midfielder Jamie Allen and York City striker Michael Coulson.

Aldred has been central to Accrington's recent good form while Allen has scored twice, including a dipping volley in Dale's 2-0 win over Wycombe.

Coulson, a wide player converted to a centre-forward, has scored three times - the same amount as central-midfielder Carter.



Adebayo Akinfenwa says the Cobblers 'tried hard' to re-sign him on loan deadline day

Dowson says players must stick together

PHIL DOWSON has urged the Saints players to stick together as they bid to end a run of three successive defeats.

That tricky patch was preceded by 13 wins in a row, but things have unravelled slightly since the LV= Cup final defeat to Exeter.

Sale and Leicester have beaten Saints in the Aviva

RUGBY UNION

Premiership, with the latter ending the 100 per cent home league record of Jim Mallinder's men.

But flanker Dowson is not too fazed by recent results and says he and his teammates must regroup ahead of Thursday's Amlin Chal-

lenge Cup quarter-final at Sale Sharks.

"We've got to stick together," said the 32-year-old. "We've gone eight months of the season playing well and a couple of losses doesn't make us a bad team.

"We've got to stick to what we've been doing and working hard. It's not necessarily

about never losing, it's about getting back up and getting stuck in."

Dowson is delighted that there is such a short turnaround ahead of the return to action at Sale on Thursday night.

And he feels Saints have seen enough of the Sharks to know what kind of perform-

ance they will need to produce if they are to bounce back in style.

"It's great that we've got a game so soon to get it out of your system," said Dowson. "You want to abolish those memories of the Leicester game and the Sale game, so I'm keen to play.

"It's a case of learning ex-

actly what Sale will bring to the table and we saw against Bath how resolute they are over the ball, with (Dan) Braid and (Dave) Seymour playing well.

"We've know what levels we need to get to to get a win up there. It's a tough place to play but these are the challenges and we look forward to them."

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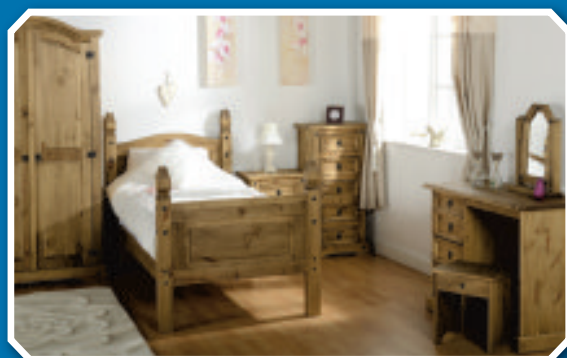


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The Book Thief 5.30pm 28-29 Mar +
10.30am 3 Apr
A Long Way Down 28 Mar - 3 Apr
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The Armstrong Lie 7-8 Apr
A New York Winter's Tale 9-10 Apr +
10.30am 8 Apr

Labor Day 11-14 Apr + 10.30am 15 Apr
Starred Up 15-17 Apr
The Past 19 & 22 Apr
Under The Skin 23-24 Apr
The Double 25-29 Apr
**Twenty Feet from
Stardom** 30 Apr - 1 May
The Love Punch 2-6 May
Noah 9-12 May

Kids Screen Films at 2.30pm (unless stated)
The Book Thief (12A) 30 Mar
The Lego Movie (PG) 5-22 Apr
**Tinker Bell and the
Pirate Fairy (U)** 10.30am on 14, 16,
18.19, 21 Apr
Mr Peabody & Sherman (U) 26-27 Apr
Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 3-5 May +
5.00pm 2 May
Captain America (12A) 10-11 May

Most films start at 7.30pm or 8pm Mon to Sat
Sun 6.45pm Silver Screen Tuesdays 10.30am
Other films available daily please see website
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